

The New Hire is the Demon Lord.

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WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?





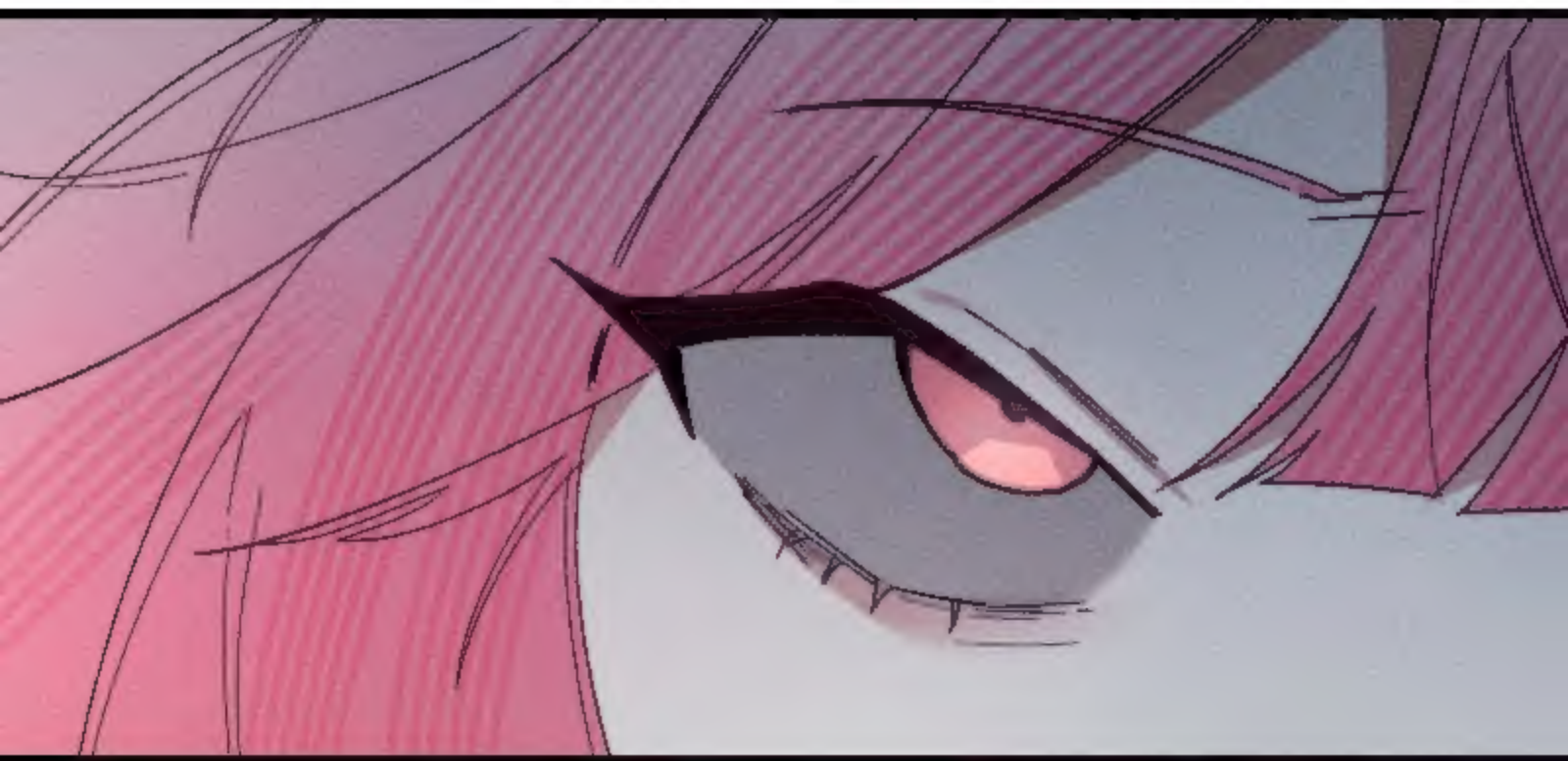
DON'T
PRETEND
LIKE IT WAS
NOTHING.



YOU TRANSFORMED
YOUR MOTORCYCLE INTO
A SMALL CREATURE.



USE MAGIC OR
SOMETHING?

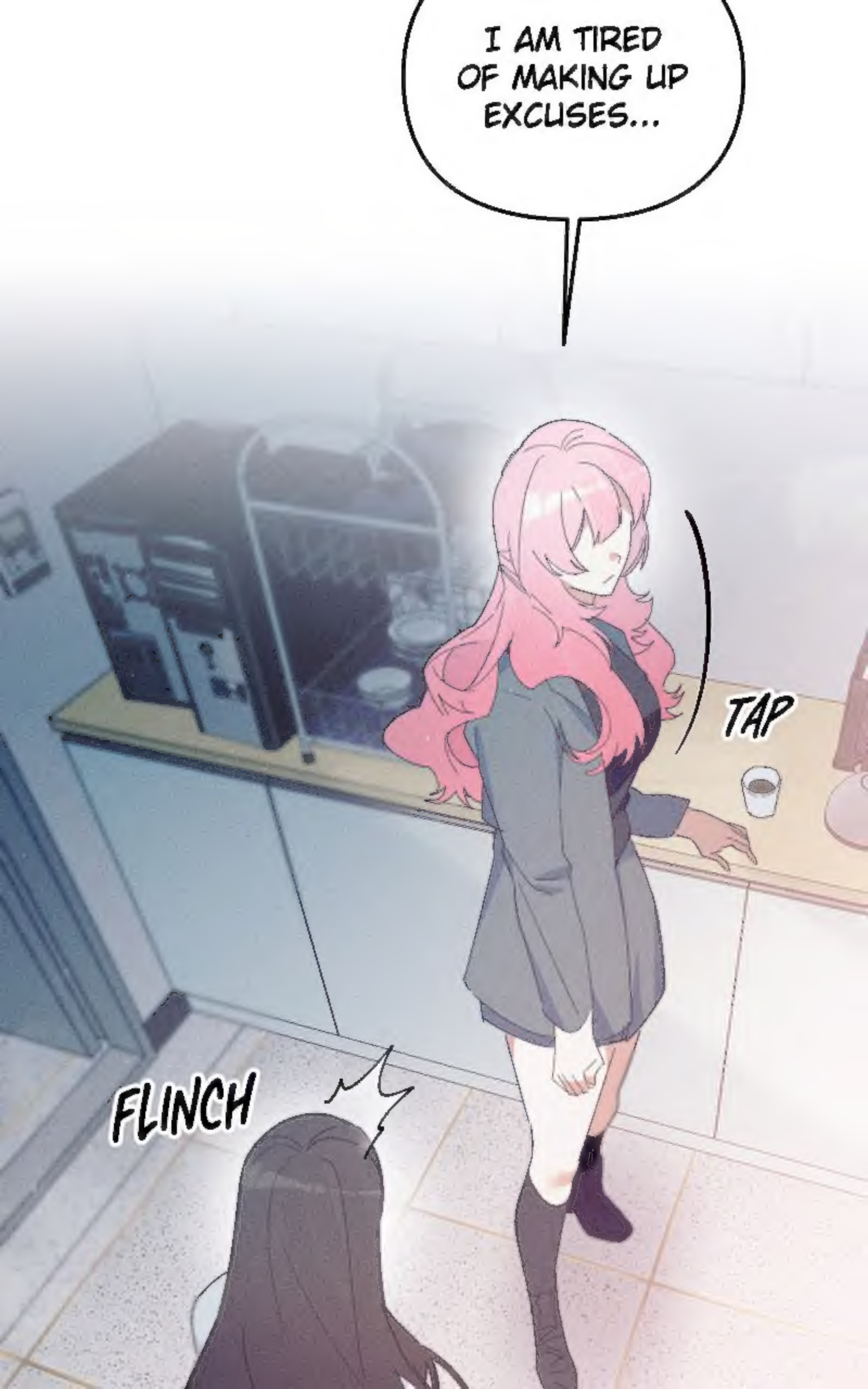


HAA...

I AM TIRED
OF MAKING UP
EXCUSES...

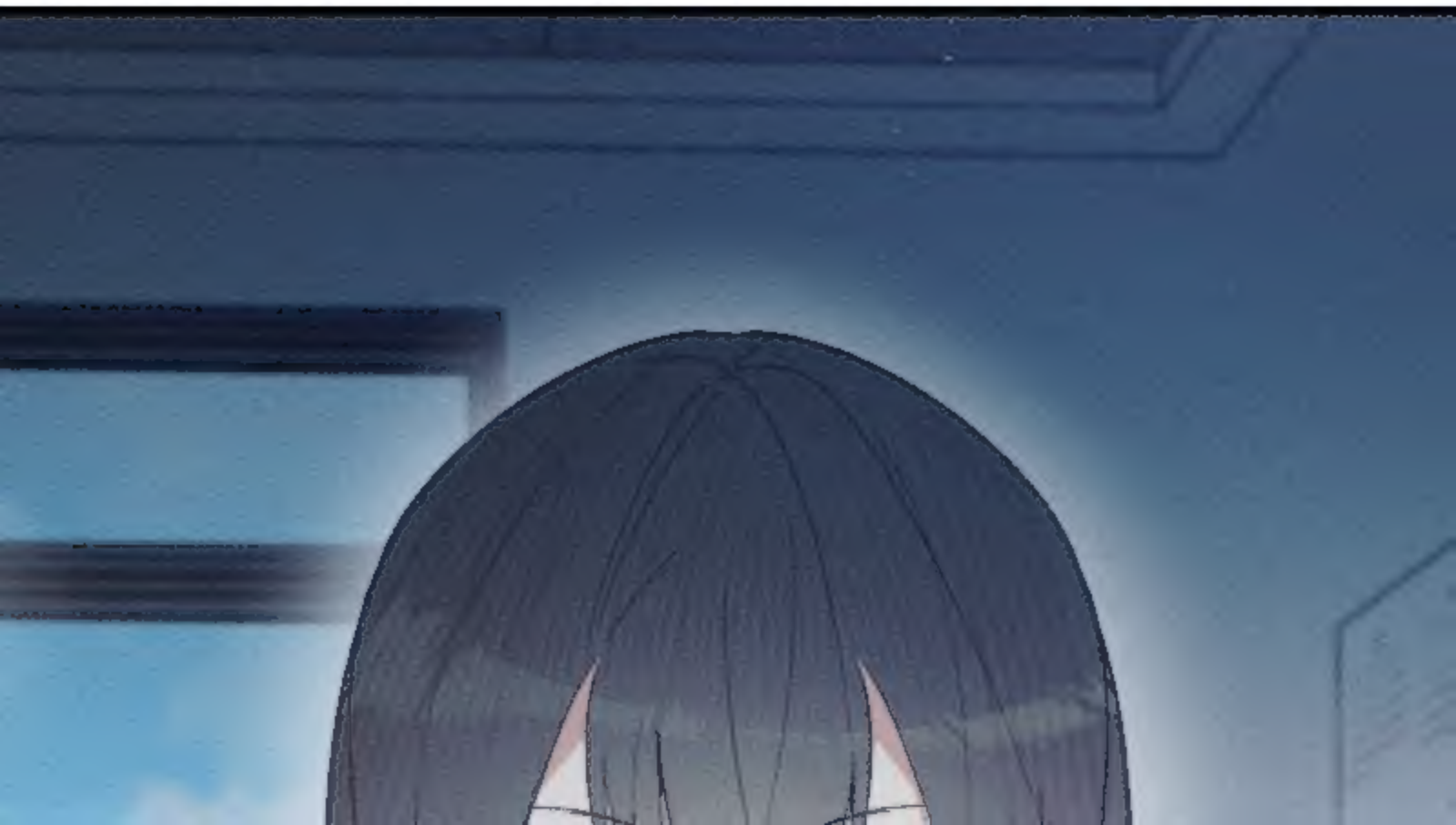
TAP

FLINCH





...AND
I AM UNSURE
OF WHAT I MUST
DO NOW, SO...





...I SHALL
TELL YOU.

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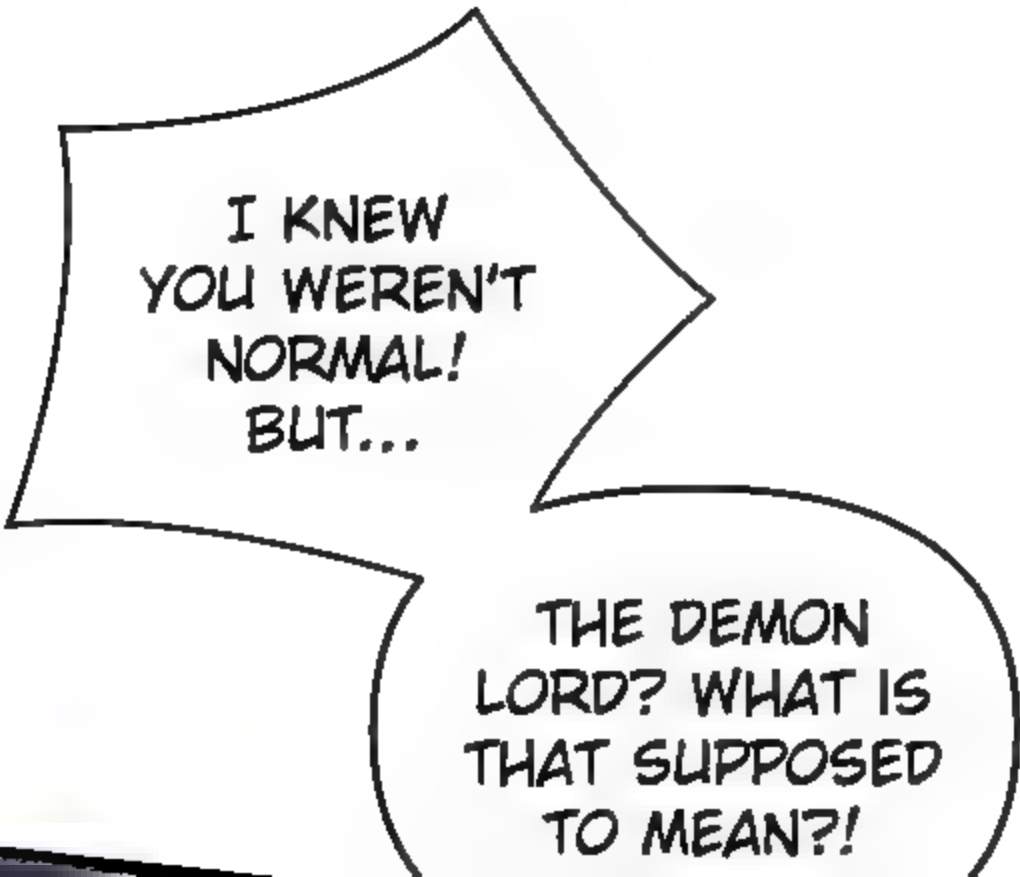
A THOUSAND
YEARS AGO, YOU
HUMANS CALLED ME
THE DEMON LORD.



WAIT,
SO YOU'RE
A THOUSAND YEARS
OLDER THAN
ME...?



THAT IS NOT
THE IMPORTANT
PART...



I KNEW
YOU WEREN'T
NORMAL!
BUT...

THE DEMON
LORD? WHAT IS
THAT SUPPOSED
TO MEAN?!



LET ME
FINISH...

SHE IS NOT
SO NORMAL
EITHER.

WHAT KIND
OF BEING LIVES
FOR SO LONG WITHOUT
GROWING OLD...?!

CHOSEN BEINGS
LIKE ME TEND TO HAVE
LONG LIFESPANS.
THERE ARE ONLY
A FEW OF US.

I WAS GIVEN THE
TITLE OF "DEMON LORD"
AGAINST MY WILL...

loom



...BECAUSE
THAT IS HOW MUCH
THE HUMANS
FEARED ME--

YOU MUST HAVE
DONE SOMETHING
REALLY EVIL TO BE
CALLED THAT...!



I WAS
NOT FINISHED.

WAIT TO REACT
UNTIL I AM
DONE.

IN ANY CASE,
I DID NOT EXPECT
YOU TO BELIEVE ME
SO QUICKLY,
SUJIN.

PERHAPS SHE IS
JUST INNOCENT...
LIKE YENA.





NEITHER DO YOU
SEEM SHOCKED OR
FRIGHTENED.



I DID JUST
WITNESS SOMETHING
SUPERNATURAL...



...AND THE
THINGS YOU SAID
AND DID NEVER SEEMED
QUITE HUMAN.

I AM
A LITTLE RATTLED,
BUT I GUESS I'M NOT
TOO SURPRISED.



HOLD ON,
SUJIN!

CALM YOURSELF
AND TAKE DEEP

BREATHS.

STEP

WHAT?

A STRANGE PART
OF MY ABILITIES IS
THAT THEY INFECT
OTHERS.

AND YOU,
SUJIN, HAVE ALREADY

ABSORBED A LOT OF
MY ABILITIES.

I HAVE...?!

YES.



SINCE WHEN?!
WAIT, SO WHAT'S
GOING TO HAPPEN
TO ME?

YOU WILL
GROW HORNS,
LIKE THIS.

EEK



AND IF IT GETS
WORSE, YOU COULD
GO BERSERK, JUST
LIKE JAEWON.

ONCE
MY POWERS SPREAD
TO YOU, YOU WILL BE
ABLE TO USE MAGICAL
ABILITIES.

SO IT'S YOUR
FAULT HE...

STEP





WHAT ARE YOU
TWO TALKING ABOUT?
I COULD HEAR YOUR
VOICES OUTSIDE.

STEP

OH,
HELLO
SIR...

!!

IT IS
NONE OF YOUR

NONE OF YOUR
BUSINESS.

IT'S NICE
THAT YOU'RE
BECOMING FRIENDS,
BUT TRY NOT TO LET IT
CUT INTO YOUR WORK
HOURS.





GEEZ,
WHO MADE
THEMSELVES A COFFEE
AND JUST LEFT IT
HERE?

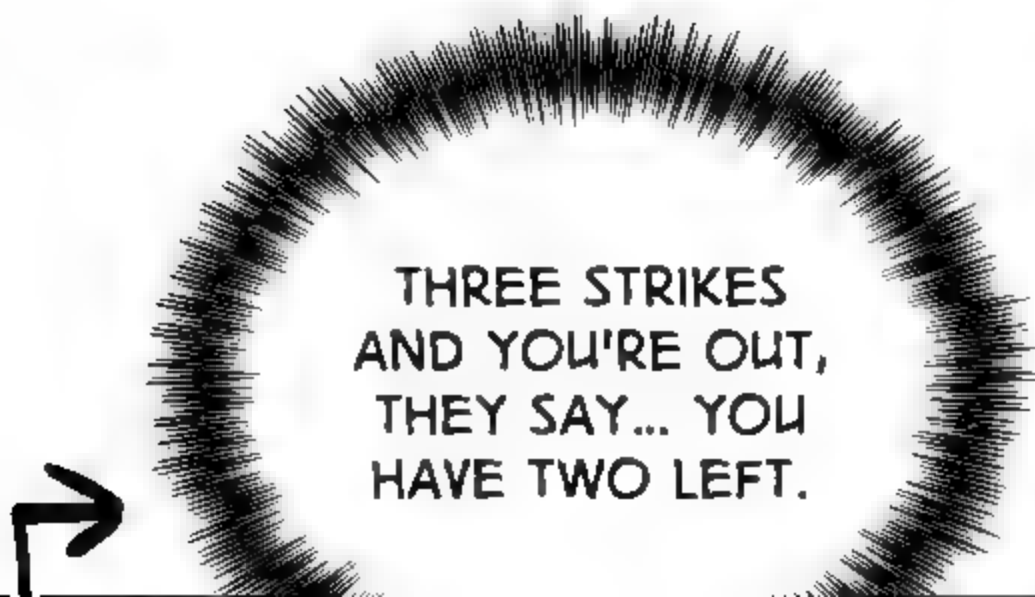
I GUESS
I'LL HAVE IT.





STEP

STEP



DOESN'T
ACTUALLY KNOW
THE RULES OF
BASEBALL

TREMBLE

MY
COFFEE...

WAIT,
SO... WHAT
AM I SUPPOSED
TO DO NOW,
LAHAN?!

HUH?
OH... DO NOT
WORRY.



AS LONG AS
YOU KEEP YOUR
EMOTIONS IN CHECK,
YOU SHOULD
BE FINE.

PROBABLY.

PROBABLY?!

SHOUT



THIS IS
SERIOUS,
YOU KNOW!
IT'S YOUR FAULT,
SO YOU HAVE
TO FIX IT!

BESIDES,
WHY DID A BEING
LIKE YOU EVEN COME
TO THIS COMPANY
IN THE FIRST
PLACE?!

BECAUSE OF
YONGRAE KIM.

FLINCH





HIS ANCESTOR
WAS CALLED A HERO.
HE CUT OFF MY HEAD.

I HAVE
THUS COME HERE
TO ENACT MY REVENGE
AGAINST YONGRAE,
HIS DESCENDANT.

S-SO YOU'RE GOING
TO CUT OFF HIS HEAD
IN RETURN?!





WELL,
I HAVE THOUGHT
OF SEVERAL DIFFERENT
WAYS TO TAKE MY
REVENGE.

BUT
IT TURNS OUT
THAT HIS LIFE WAS
ALREADY MISERABLE,
EVEN THOUGH YOU
WERE AT HIS
SIDE.



SO SHE
REALLY DID KNOW
EVERYTHING...



LET ME
MAKE THIS CLEAR.
I'M NOT THE ONE
WHO MADE HIM
MISERABLE.

I DO
NOT CARE.



I FIGURED
THAT I COULD MAKE
HIM HAPPY AND THEN
TAKE MY REVENGE,
BUT...

...RECENTLY,
A THOUGHT
OCCURRED
TO ME.





SCOFF



WHY? DID YOU
GROW FOND OF HIM
OR SOMETHING?

PERHAPS.



FLINCH



HONESTLY.

...HONESTLY,
I AM NOT SURE
MYSELF.





IT IS NOT AS IF
THE RESENTMENT
I HOLD AGAINST HIS
ANCESTOR HAS
FADED.

AND I DO
NOT THINK I HAVE
FALLEN IN LOVE WITH
YONGRAE.



...THERE IS
SOMETHING
I DID NOT TAKE INTO
CONSIDERATION.

AFFECTION.
FRIENDSHIP.





THESE ARE
THINGS I HAD
FORGOTTEN ABOUT
FOR SO LONG...

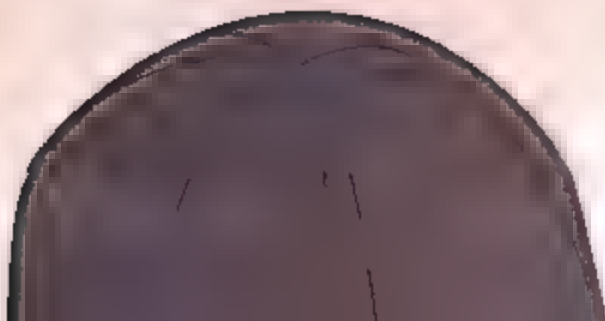
BUT THAT IS
WHAT I FEEL NOW.
NOT JUST WITH YONGRAE,
BUT WITH MANY OF THE
PEOPLE HERE.



SO...
WHAT ARE YOU
GOING TO DO?

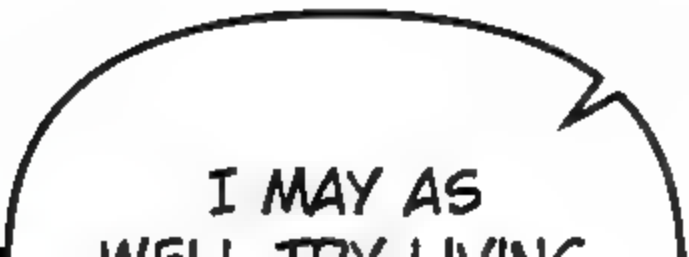
WHO
KNOWS?

THAT IS
THE ISSUE,
I SUPPOSE. PERHAPS
I CAN SIMPLY CONTINUE
TO WORK HERE!
WHAT DO YOU
THINK?



A character with long, wavy pink hair and a dark jacket is shown from the chest up. They are gesturing with their right hand, which is open and facing palm-up. The background is a simple white wall with a dark vertical shape on the left.

I AM VERY
GOOD AT MY JOB,
SO MAYBE I WILL BECOME
THE BOSS IN A FEW
YEARS' TIME.

A simple speech bubble with a tail pointing towards the bottom right.

I MAY AS
WELL TRY LIVING



WE'LL TRY LIVING
A NORMAL LIFE.



THERE ARE
SO MANY INTERESTING
THINGS IN THE MODERN
WORLD. HAVE YOU
TRIED--



LAHAN.







IF YOU REALLY
FEEL AFFECTION FOR
THESE PEOPLE...

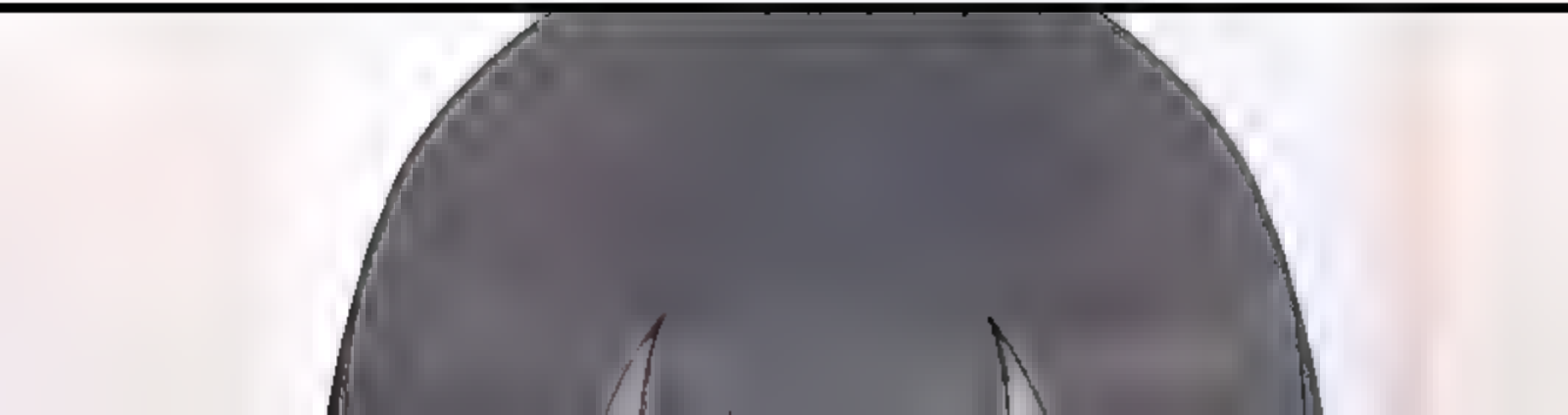


...SHOULDN'T
YOU STAY AS FAR
AWAY FROM THEM
AS POSSIBLE?





IF YOUR ABILITIES
SPREAD TO OTHERS,
THAT MEANS ANY ONE OF US
COULD ALSO GO BERSERK
LIKE JAEWON.





IS THAT ALL RIGHT
WITH YOU? IF IT WERE ME,
I WOULD LEAVE THIS PLACE
FOR THEIR SAKE.

BUT
I GUESS
I'M HUMAN,
UNLIKE YOU.





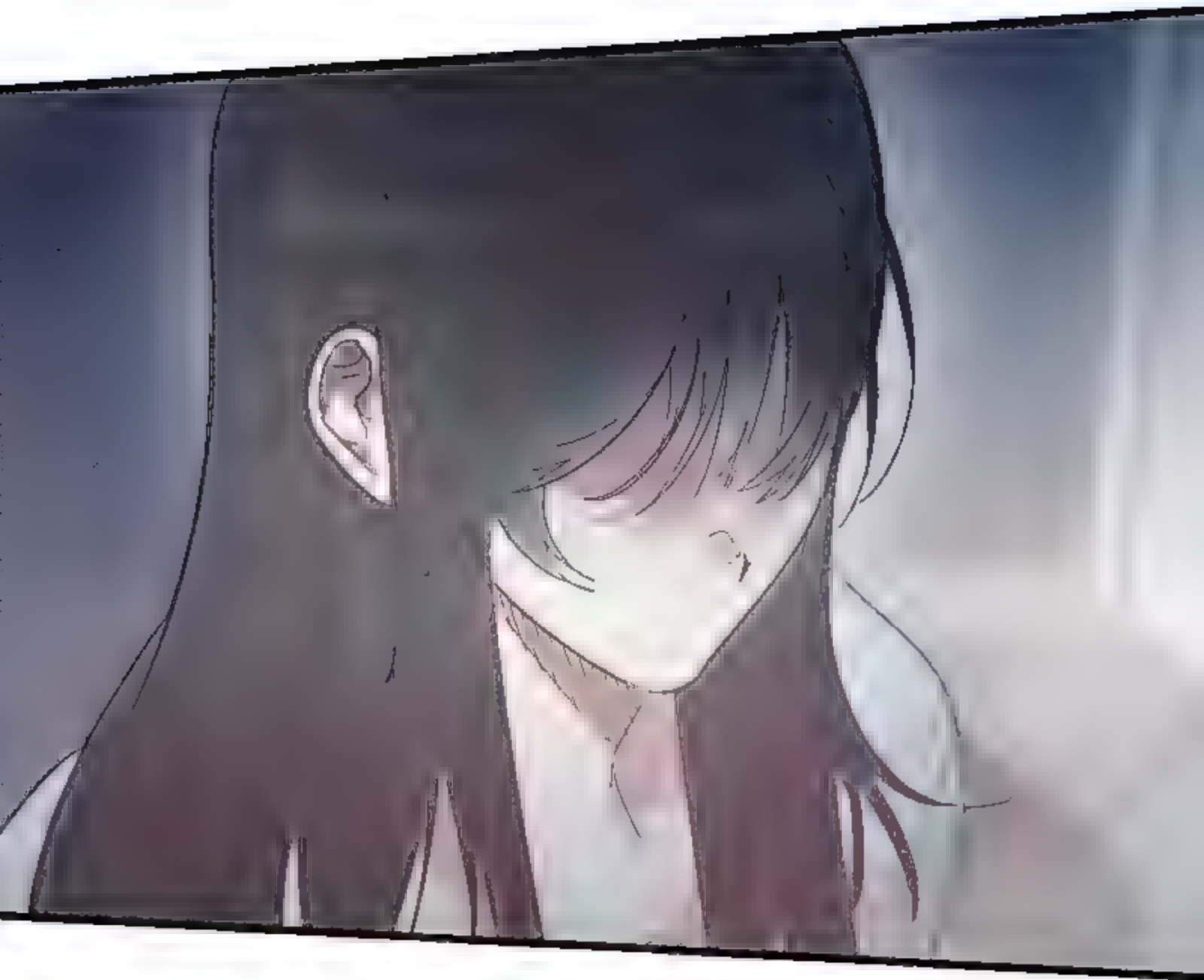
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CLACK



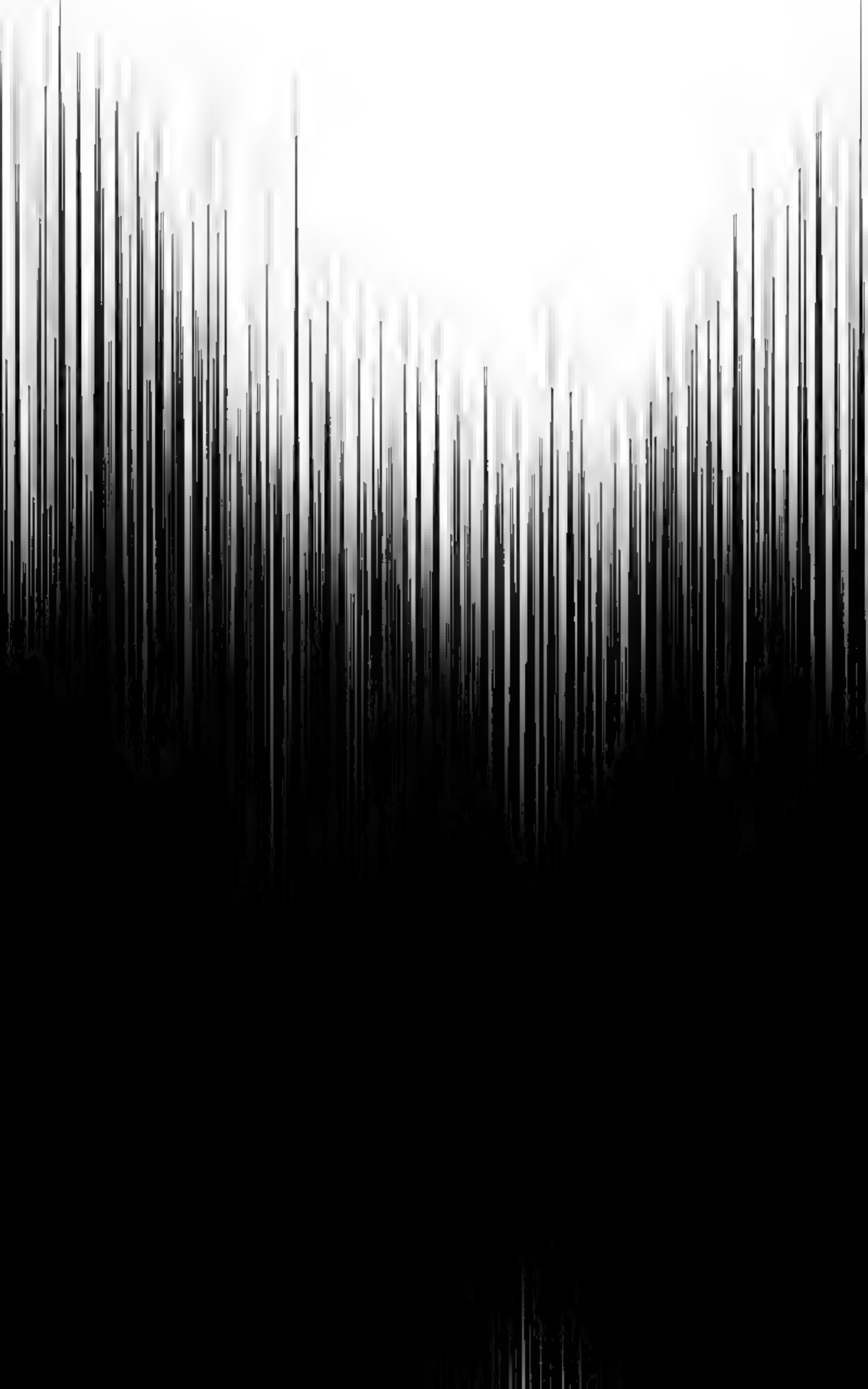














PERHAPS.

WHO
KNOWS?

THAT IS THE
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PERHAPS I CAN SIMPLY
CONTINUE TO WORK HERE!
WHAT DO YOU
THINK?



I AM VERY GOOD
AT MY JOB, SO MAYBE
I WILL BECOME THE BOSS
IN A FEW YEARS' TIME.

...WHY ARE
YOU TRYING TO
GET EVERYTHING
I DON'T HAVE?!

THUMP

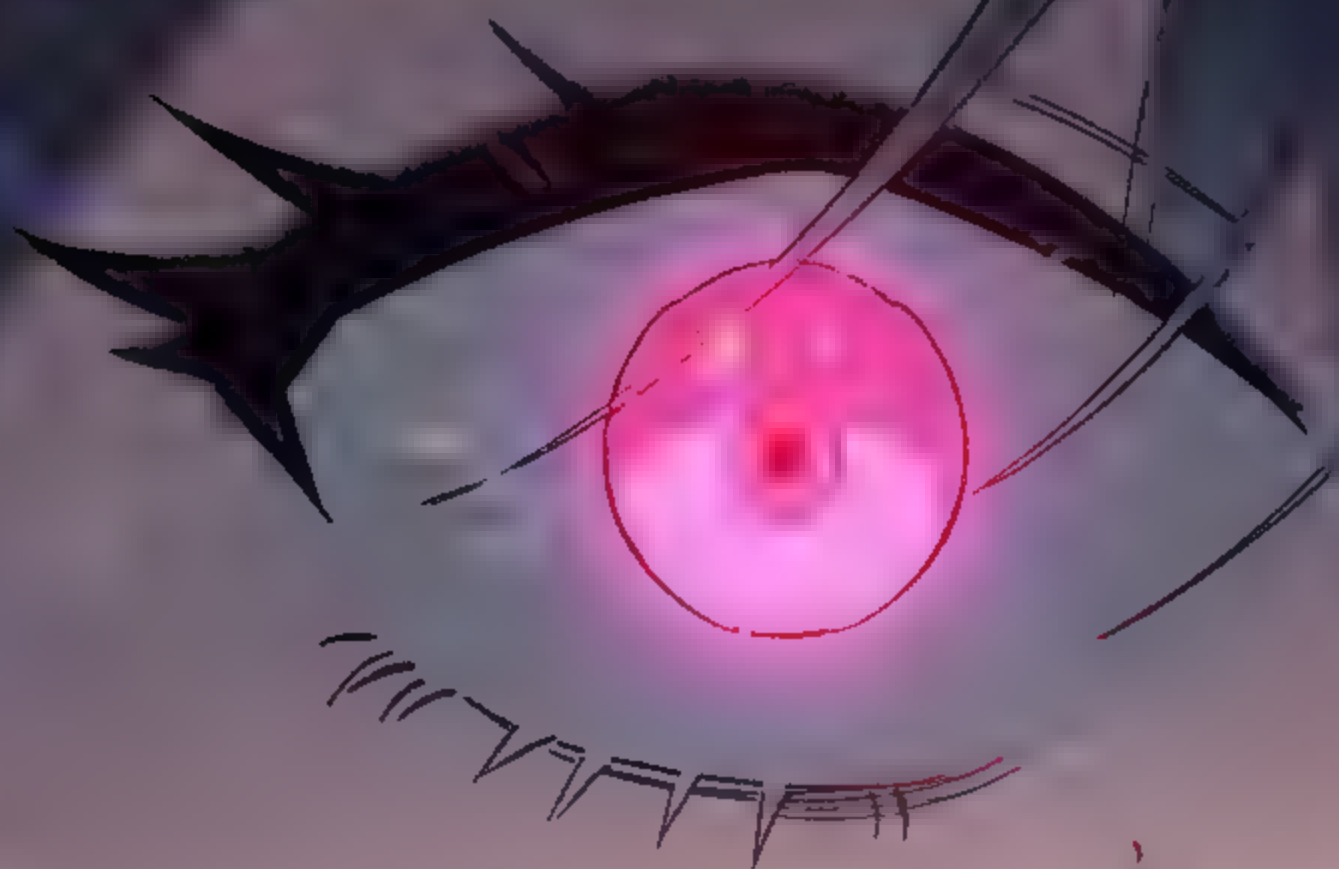




THUMP

THUMP

THUNDER



RUMBLE

SHAKE

JOLT





WAS IT AN
EARTHQUAKE?

EARTHQUAKE?

AN EARTHQUAKE?

CHATTER

LOOK IT UP ONLINE.
SEE IF THERE'S BEEN
AN EARTHQUAKE.

WHAT WAS
THAT...?

MURMUR

THUMP

THUMP



**WAS THAT...
MY POWER?!**



**EVERYONE,
CALM DOWN!**

THERE'S
NO NEWS OF AN
EARTHQUAKE. WE DIDN'T
GET ANY ALERTS ON OUR
PHONES EITHER,
RIGHT?



A person wearing a white lab coat and a dark belt is pointing their right hand towards a construction site in the background. The background shows a building under construction with scaffolding and a crane.

THEY MUST BE DOING
CONSTRUCTION ON ONE
OF THE OTHER FLOORS.
GET BACK TO WORK!

ALL RIGHT.

BUILDINGS
THESE DAYS ARE
MADE TO BE EARTHQUAKE
RESONANT ANYWAY,
SO WE'RE FINE,
RIGHT?



EARTHQUAKE
RESONANT...?

DON'T YOU
KNOW? IT'S WHEN
THEY CONSTRUCT BUILDINGS
SO THEY CAN WITHSTAND
EARTHQUAKES.

YOU MEAN
EARTHQUAKE
RESISTANT...

MUTTER

CLICK CLACK

WAS THAT
AN EARTHQUAKE
JUST NOW?

OH,
MISS GO!

WAS THAT

HI THERE!

HELLO!

WELCOME BACK!

BOW



IT'S BEEN
SO LONG,
EVERYONE!



A manga-style illustration of two young women with dark hair looking out a window. The woman on the left is wearing a white shirt and has her mouth open in a shout. The woman on the right is also wearing a white shirt and has a surprised expression with wide eyes and an open mouth. In the background, a city street is visible with a red neon sign that says "HOT" and a crosswalk.

IT'S MISS
EUNJI GO!

WELCOME BACK,
MANAGER!

A close-up of a young woman with light brown hair, smiling broadly with her mouth open, showing her teeth.

IT'S NICE
TO SEE YOU
ALL AGAIN!



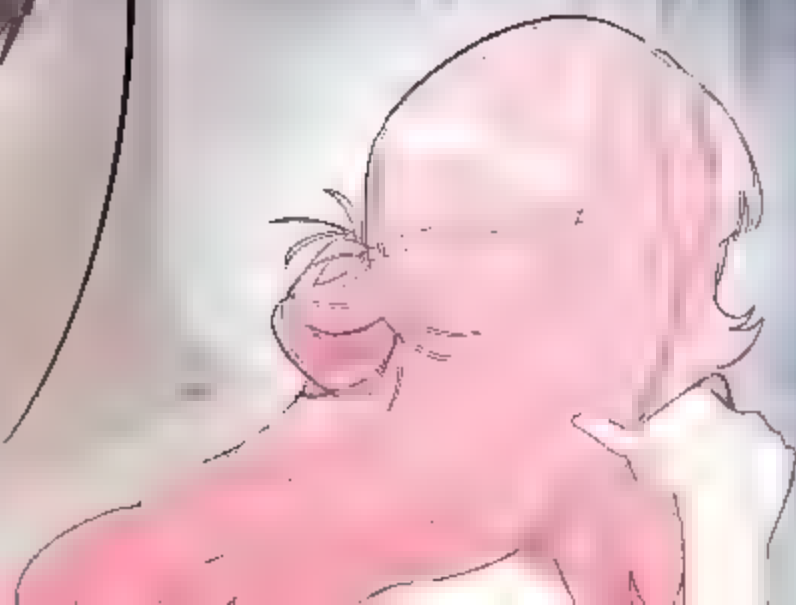
DID YOU
SEE THE BOSS
YET?

I'M ABOUT TO.
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU
LOST WEIGHT!

I GAINED SOME,
ACTUALLY...

CHATTER

LAHAN!
YOU SHOULD GO
SAY HELLO TO
MISS GO.







LEONARD
MUST HAVE BEEN
HAPPY AFTER HE
DEFEATED ME
TOO.



**HE GOT
MARRIED AND
HAD A FAMILY...**



LAHAN!

HURRY!
YOU NEED
TO SAY HELLO,
AT LEAST!



UGH... FINE!
I WILL SAY HELLO
TO HER!

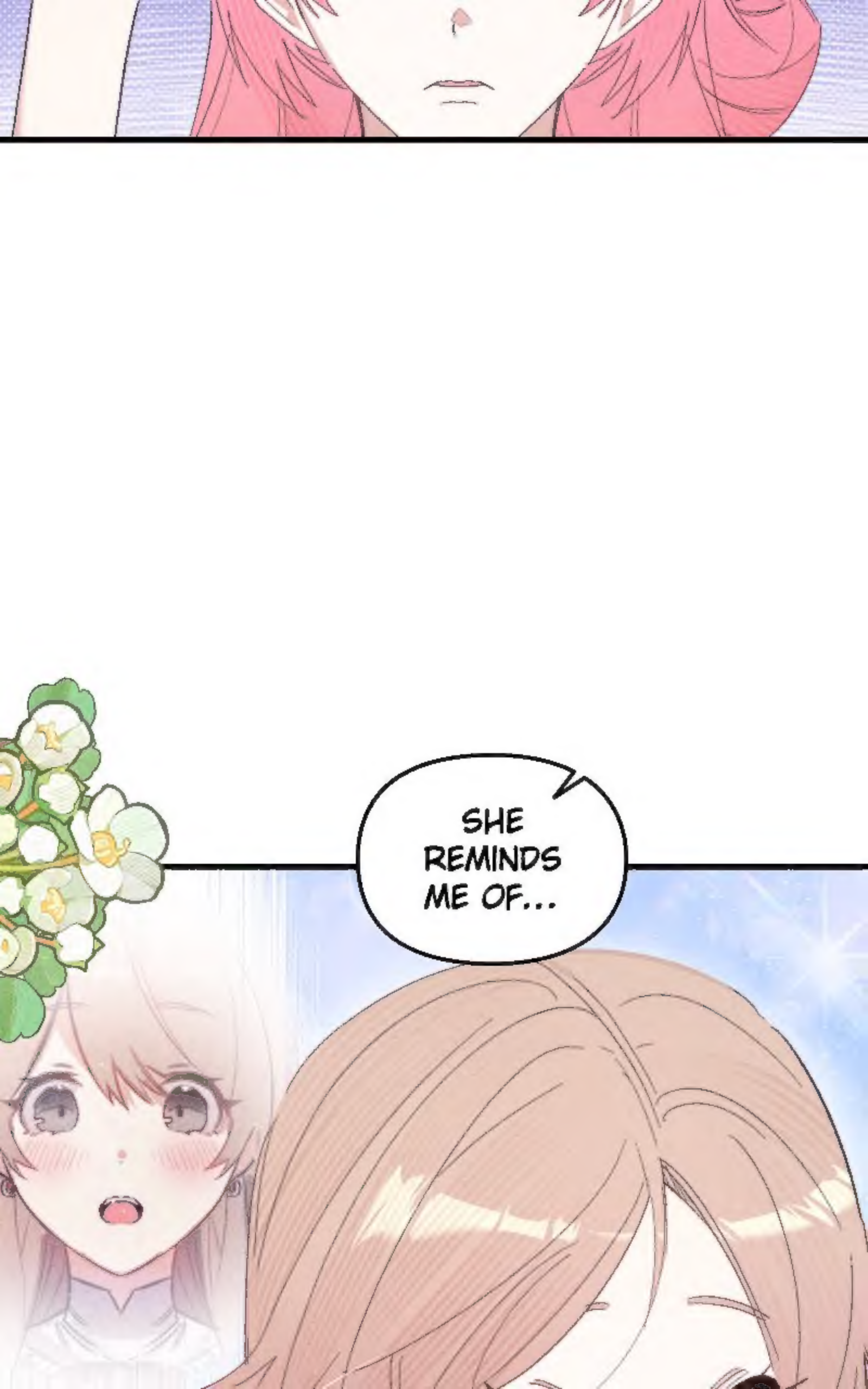
IS THAT HER?

ELINJI GO, THE
MANAGER?









SHE
REMINDS
ME OF...



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WISDOM HOUSE